



Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

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NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

DATE: April 13, 2015

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations

The County of Los Angeles ("County") is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the proposed project identified below. The County has prepared this Notice of Preparation ("NOP") to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the project and to identify its potential environmental effects pursuant to State requirements.

AGENCIES: The County requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with Title 14, section 15082(b) of the California Code of Regulations. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the County when considering any permits that your agency must issue, or other approval for the project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The County requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT & PERMIT(S): R2013-00614-(5), Conditional Use Permit No. 201300111, Environmental Assessment No. 201300185, Oak Tree Permit No. 201300027

PROJECT APPLICANT: The Termo Company

PROJECT LOCATION: APNs 2821005025, 2826029006, 2826017051, 2826017050, 2821005804

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Termo Company is proposing the North Aliso Field Project (Project). The Project consists of drilling up to twelve oil and natural gas wells from three pad locations in or adjacent to the existing Aliso Canyon Oil Field of Los Angeles County. The proposed Project also includes access routes, temporary staging areas, and supporting infrastructure such as pipelines and connections to existing power lines. The Project would be developed on land leased to the Applicant under

existing Oil, Gas, and mineral Leases. The oil and gas production would be processed at existing Applicant facilities at the Aliso Canyon Tank Farm and transported via truck with existing oil production activities.

The Environmental Impact Report is being prepared to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the development of up to twelve oil and gas wells in the Aliso Canyon Oil Field. The EIR will evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the planned activities at the oil field over the next 10 to 20 years.

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been prepared as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT

Based on a preliminary review of the proposed project consistent with section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines, the County has determined that an EIR should be prepared for this proposed project. In addition, consistent with section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the County has identified the following probable environmental effects of the project, which will be addressed in the EIR for this project:

- Hazardous Materials
- Air Quality/GHGs
- Biological Resources
- Hydrology and Water Resources
- Geological Resources
- Noise
- Fire Protection/Emergency
- Aesthetics/Visual Resources
- Transportation/Circulation
- Land Use/Policy Consistency
- Cultural Resources/Archaeology
- Public Services and Utilities
- Energy and Mineral Resources

The County has determined that there is not a likelihood of potentially significant effects related to the following environmental topics:

- Agricultural Resources
- Recreation
- Population and Housing
- Schools and Police Protection

The County proposes that the EIR indicate the reasons why these effects were determined not to be significant and are therefore not addressed in detail in the EIR.

NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING: The County will conduct a public scoping meeting for the purpose of soliciting oral and written comments from interested parties as to the appropriate scope and content of the EIR.

All interested parties are invited to attend the scoping meeting to assist in identifying issues to be addressed in the EIR. The scoping meetings will include a brief presentation of the project to be addressed in the EIR and will provide attendees with an opportunity to provide input to the scope of the EIR. The Scoping Meeting will be held on:

Date: May 20, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Porter Ranch Community School, Multi-Purpose Room,
12450 Mason Avenue, Porter Ranch, CA 91326

Translation in other languages can be made available at the meeting upon request. Please submit translation requests at least seven business days in advance of each scheduled meeting to ichi@planning.lacounty.gov.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The County has determined to make this NOP available for public review and comment pursuant to Title 14, section 15082(b) of the California Code of Regulations. The comment period for the NOP begins on **April 27, 2015** and ends on **May 27, 2015**.

Any comments provided should identify specific topics of environmental concern and your reason for suggesting the study of these topics in the EIR.

Please direct all written comments to the following address:

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All written responses will be included as Appendices in the Draft EIR and their contents considered in accordance with State and County environmental guidelines.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The NOP and Initial Study are available for public review during regular business hours at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning address listed above and the following locations:

Los Angeles Public Library
Porter Ranch Branch
1371 Tampa Avenue
Porter Ranch, CA 91326
(818) 360-5706

Los Angeles Public Library
Chatsworth Branch
21052 Devonshire Street
Los Angeles, CA 91311
(818) 341-4276

The public is also encouraged to visit the Department of Regional Planning's website to review the initial study at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case/view/r2013-00614/>.

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review of this project.

Si necesita más información por favor llame al (213) 974-6466.